

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
McHenry County Government Center – Administration Building
667 Ware Road
Woodstock IL 60098

MINUTES OF TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2011

Mr. Breeden called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The following Committee members were present: Scott Breeden, Chairman; Jim Heisler; Mary Donner; Mary McCann; Tina Hill and Bob Bless. John Hammerand arrived at 9:33a.m. Also in attendance: Peter Austin, County Administrator; Shannon Teresi, Auditor; Phil Dailing, Court Services; Cathy Link, Purchasing; Joe Korpalski and Wally DeVries, Division of Transportation; Dennis Sandquist, Planning and Development; John Jung, County Board Member joined the committee at 10:28 a.m.; and the press.

Scott Breeden, Chairman	
Bob Bless	Mary L. Donner
John Hammerand	James Heisler
Tina Hill	Mary McCann

MINUTES

Committee members reviewed the committee minutes of May 10, 2011. Ms. Donner made a motion, seconded by Ms. McCann to recommend approval of the above minutes as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PRESENTATION

None

Mr. Hammerand arrived at 9:33a.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a \$12,500 Grant from the McHenry County Conservation District to Match a Grant from the Army Corps of Engineers for the Kishwaukee River Riparian Marsh Project and an Emergency Appropriation to the Planning and Development Fiscal Year 2011 Budget: Ms. McCann made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bless to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. Committee members were informed that a planning assistance grant was received from the Corps of Engineers which required a match. A matching grant was received from the McHenry County Conservation District in order to move this project forward. This resolution allows acceptance for both grants for these pass through funds. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Bless, Donner, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, McCann, Breeden)

Resolution Authorizing an Emergency Appropriation to the Planning & Development Fiscal Year 2011 Budget and Authorizing Installation of a Rain Garden Demonstration Project on the County Campus: Mr. Bless made a motion, seconded by Ms. McCann to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. Committee members were informed that two grants were received from the McHenry County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Illinois American Water Association for the purpose of installing a rain garden and xeriscaping and additional education components. The Illinois American Water grant will be used to pay for the match required in the McHenry County Soil and Water Conservation District grant. This rain garden will be placed near the front entrance doors to the Administration Building and will be used as a teaching tool to promote energy efficiency. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Bless, Donner, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, McCann, Breeden)

Resolution Approving the Purchase of Maintenance Equipment: Ms. Donner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bless to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. Committee members were informed that this resolution will allow for the purchase of a replacement snow plow. This item has been budgeted for and has come in under budget. Committee members were informed that the department strives to replace their equipment every 15 years. They go for longevity instead of trying to retain value in the equipment. The equipment is used fulltime for the first ten (10) years and then used as a spare for the next five (5) years. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Bless, Donner, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, McCann, Breeden)

Committee members were informed that they would review items 5.4 and 5.5 after executive session. Committee members reviewed item 5.6 prior to entering into executive session.

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Resolution Amending Resolution #R-200805-17-144 Designating Depositories for Funds and Other Public Monies in the Custody of the County Treasurer: Ms. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bless to recommend approval of the above Resolution as presented. Committee members were reminded this is an annual process to update the designation of depositories for funds and other public monies. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Bless, Donner, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, McCann, Breeden)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Hammerand made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bless to enter into executive session at 9:43 a.m. to discuss personnel and labor negotiations. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Bless, Donner, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, McCann, Breeden) Also present: Mr. Austin, Mr. Ivetic.

Ms. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bless to return to regular session at 10:25a.m. The motion carried with all members present voting aye on a roll call vote (Bless, Donner, Hammerand, Heisler, Hill, McCann, Breeden)

No action was taken by the committee during executive session.

NEW BUSINESS CON'T

Resolution Establishing the Guidelines for the Fiscal Year 2011 Pay-for-Performance Adjustments and Authorizing an Emergency Appropriation to the General Fund Fiscal Year 2011 Budget and Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the Salary Ranges for FY2010/2011: Mr. Bless made a motion, seconded by Ms. Donner to recommend approval of the above Resolutions as presented. Mr. Hammerand stated he would be voting no on these resolutions because of the process used to come up with the numbers. It was stated that they would like parity between the union and non-union groups. Most of the employees that will be affected by the increase are lower wage employees. When negotiations start with the various groups there is a natural linkage among the groups. Mr. Ivetic noted that the employees are the most valuable asset to an organization and it is important to keep the trained employees whenever possible. Ms. McCann noted that she would be supporting the resolutions. Mr. Breeden stated that he would support the resolutions as well but, with the caveat that this committee does all it can do to make sure that any tax bill going out next year is less or equal to what their bills were this year. He stated that the constituents are uneasy and we need to make sure we strive to make these bills less. It was stated that this is a clear goal to work towards. Committee members voiced concern that since the constituents is not making more money; we need to make sure their taxes are not costing them more. We as a County do not have control over the taxes for the Townships, School Districts or State, but we can at least show that the County portion of the taxes has not increased. Mr. Heisler stated that his constituents have requested he deny this request. He stated they only understand that their taxes have increased. The motion carried with the majority of members voting aye on a roll call vote (Bless, Donner, Hill, McCann, Breeden) nay (Hammerand, Heisler) Committee members questioned where the funds would come from for the raises. Mr. Austin stated that there was a surplus in the budget previously and revenues came in higher than projected. Funds are not placed into department's budget unless they can show that the budget will be short. These funds do not come from the contingency fund.

Committee members were reminded that Mr. Sarbaugh had requested the committee members review the budget policy to see if there were any changes to the policy needed prior to the kick off of the new budget year. The budget kick off begins one (1) week from Friday.

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE, AS APPLICABLE

Auditor's Report: None.

Contingency Report: None.

Economic Development Corporation: Mr. Austin stated he attended a meeting this morning at the EDC. Their budget process is coming up. He asked if committee members had any questions of the EDC that can be passed on to their board. He informed committee members that the EDC will be holding their Legislative Breakfast at Woodstock North on June 9, 2011 at 7:30a.m. for those interested in attending. The Board members are also invited to join their Board of Directors as they welcome Loyola University of Chicago to McHenry County. They have selected McHenry County for its expansion. This event will take place on Thursday June 9th at 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Loyola University Chicago, Retreat and Ecology Campus, 2710 S. Country Club Road, Woodstock. This is their new campus in Bull Valley. They have requested an RSVP by June 8th for attendance to this event.

Convention and Visitors Bureau: None.

FUTURE TOPICS

None.

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ADJOURNMENT: Noting no further business, Ms. Donner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heisler to adjourn the meeting 10:41 a.m. The motion carried with all ayes on a voice vote.

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RECOMMENDED FOR BOARD/COMMITTEE ACTION:

Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a \$12,500 Grant from the McHenry County Conservation district to Match a Grant from the Army Corps of Engineers for the Kishwaukee River Riparian Marsh Project and an Emergency Appropriation to the Planning and Development Fiscal Year 2011 Budget

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Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the Salary Ranges for FY2010/2011

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